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CIITS BASICS

- ✓ CIITS is a service of the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) in cooperation with vendor Schoolnet and partners [KET EncycloMedia](#), [Discovery Education](#) and [SAS Curriculum Pathways](#).
- ✓ CIITS debuted August 1, 2011, and is available 24 hours a day to all public school teachers through any Internet-connected computer.
- ✓ The [KDE Systems Launchpad](#) has communication on procedures for entering e-mails into IC and creating CIITS roles and permissions. Also, you can find a Q & A on roles, permissions and data.

CIITS AND INFINITE CAMPUS (IC)

The Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System (CIITS) is an online database of Kentucky academic standards and resources designed to support classroom instruction and provide teachers with the resources they need for highly effective teaching and learning in their classrooms.

Currently, the system has basic student-level and classroom information, along with term scores for each course. Scores marked as “state reported” on the Grading Task tab (Path: Index | Grading & Standards | Grading Task) will be ex-

tracted and loaded to CIITS. The percentage value from IC will appear as the term score. Please note scores in CIITS will be zeros if your district does not mark the state-reported checkbox or marks more than one grading task as state-reported.

KEES CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS CHANGING SOON

Kentucky high school students must meet a number of requirements to earn a Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) award, including completion of five courses of study during an academic year. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, regulatory changes to the KEES curriculum requirement will take effect, limiting the number of co-operative (co-op) education credits that can count toward meeting the requirement to one course per academic year. Students choosing to participate in co-op courses will need to take at least four other courses to meet the five-course minimum and earn a KEES award.

It is important to note, however, that as long as graduation requirements are completed at a certified Kentucky high school, students will remain eligible for any KEES awards earned during prior academic years, including their bonus awards from taking the ACT/SAT and, if applicable, Advanced Placement and/or International Baccalaureate exams. The intent is not to penalize students who wish to participate in a co-op program, but rather motivate students to remain engaged in a rigorous academic curriculum throughout their senior year.

The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and KDE are collaborating to modify the KEES reporting functions in Infinite Campus. We anticipate the use of the standardized state course codes to assist in this transition. There also are conversations taking place between KHEAA and KDE to insure that co-op courses are properly identified and differentiated from technical education courses. Additional information regarding these changes will be made available to districts as soon as possible.

TEDS UPDATE

In Infinite Campus (IC), under the Technical Education Database System (TEDS) tab, there has been an update to the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code drop-down list. The update will allow schools to use all career pathways, majors and programs that are available in TEDS.

If your school was previously using a workaround that had been discussed with Kiley Whitaker from KDE, please make appropriate changes to update the correct CIP Code for each student.

If all programs in your school were already available in IC, this update will not affect your school.



CIVIL RIGHTS DATA COLLECTION (CRDC)

The 2011-12 CRDC will be a universal collection from all LEAs, schools and state-operated facilities (e.g., schools for the deaf and blind, other facilities for individuals with disabilities and juvenile justice facilities). In preparation for the 2011-12 CRDC, a letter regarding the collection was sent last week to each district superintendent asking them to designate a district contact person for all activities related to the 2011-12 CRDC. Copies of the letter may be found on the CRDC website [here](#) along with additional resources for districts and states to learn more about this important collection. If you have any questions about the collection, contact the Partner Support Center:

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ACTIVE DIRECTORY USE WITH INFINITE CAMPUS BEGINS

Active Directory (AD) use with Infinite Campus (IC) in Kentucky is moving forward. KDE is ready to pilot the use of AD with IC State Edition and four early-adopter districts with their IC District Edition sites. Some of the logistics to make the transition to AD are being worked out and will be monitored throughout the pilot process. Some of the benefits of using AD are listed below.

- 1) Users will not need to remember a second password or manually keep two passwords in sync. Users will still need to physically enter their usernames and passwords to log in to IC.
- 2) IC passwords will effectively be subject to the same password policies (length, complexity, frequency of change) as AD passwords with no additional management effort.
- 3) Passwords for some users can be hashed (stored more securely, since AD automatically hashes) while passwords for others (those not linked to AD) are not - providing a workaround to the IC limitation that IC password hashing is incompatible with parent/student portal forgotten password self-service retrieval.
- 4) Administrators can disable a user's access to AD/e-mail and IC with one step.

Statewide AD use in Infinite Campus is currently planned for the 2012-13 school year. The details and timing of the statewide transition will be communicated at a later date once the early adopter pilot period is complete and evaluated at the end of this school year.

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